PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

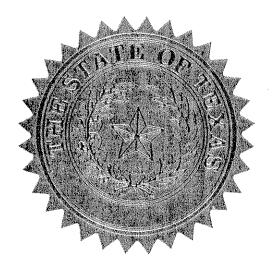
Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 2667 as passed by the Seventy-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 2667 would require Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs) to contract with county election officials to administer elections for directors of the district. Currently, MUDs may conduct their own elections.

While House Bill No. 2667 is an attempt to bring uniformity to the election process for MUDs, it has not taken into consideration all of the ramifications on the county election process and the impact on taxpaying voters' access to polling locations. I am a strong believer in providing fair and unfettered access to citizens exercising their right to vote. I also believe that creating uniformity in the election process will be of great benefit to other special taxing districts other than MUDs.

House Bill No. 2667 fails to take into consideration several unintended consequences, such as the tremendous increase in workload for county officials and the increased cost to the districts and taxpayers. I have instructed my office to work with MUDs, other special taxing districts and county election officials to create a system of uniform elections that will benefit all districts and county election offices.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 17th day of June, 2005.

RICK HERRY
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Governor of Texas

TITESTED BY:

ROGER WILLIAMS Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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